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SUBJECT: NEPSZABADSAG ON EUROPEAN SECURITY

1. IN LEAD EDITORIAL SEPT 18 NEPSZABADSAG, ORGAN OF HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, COMMENTS ON SECOND ROUND OF GENEVA CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION. ALTHOUGH CONCEDED THAT SECOND ROUND WILL BE MORE INTRICATE THAN FIRST, NEPSZABADSAG OBSERVES THAT "CAUSE OF CREATING EUROPEAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY IS PROCEEDING ON A FAVORABLE TRACK." PAPER SHIFTS QUICKLY HOWEVER, TO A MORE PESSIMISTIC NOTE CHARGING THAT CERTAIN NATO MEMBERS WISH TO CHECK PACE OF DEVELOPMENTS AND THAT EXTREME RIGHTIST CIRCLES WOULD

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BE MOST PLEASED BY FAILURE OF CONFERENCE. IT IS WORTH

NOTING, CONTINUES NEPSZABADSAG, THAT FRG BY COMING FORWARD WITH NEW DEMANDS KEEPS ON PUTTING OFF REGULARIZING RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT ADDS THAT "POINT IN QUESTION HERE IS NOT MERELY THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK-WEST GERMAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IS DELAYED BUT THAT CERTAIN CIRCLES WISH TO QUESTION THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN WHICH PLAYED SO GREAT A PART IN DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE."

2. IN FUTURE AS THEY HAVE DONE IN PAST, NEPSZABADSAG COMMENTS, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WILL STRIVE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY SYSTEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY BELIEVE THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, CERTAIN NATO CIRCLES, PAPER CONTINUES, EVEN BEFORE BEGINNING OF SECOND ROUND ENVISAGED TALKS LASTING 5-6 MONTHS AND EVEN NOW DO NOT CONCEAL THEIR DESIRE TO SLOW DOWN PROGRESS OF TALKS. THEY WILL PROBABLY AGAIN REVIVE THEIR CONDITION THAT CONCLUSION OF SECOND ROUND OF CONFERENCE BE MADE DEPENDENT ON PROGRESS OF TALKS IN VIENNA ON REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND "WILL AGAIN COME FORWARD WITH IDEA OF SO-CALLED FREE FLOW OF PEOPLE, IDEAS, AND INFORMATION -- ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN INTERPRETATION--IN EFFORT TO EXERT PRESSURE ON SOCIALIST COUNTRIES".

3. ALL THESE EFFORTS, HOWEVER, WILL COME TO NAUGHT, NEPSZABADSAG DECLARES, ALTHOUGH INTRICATE NATURE OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WILL PUT TO A TEST PATIENCE OF PARTIES CONCERNED AND THEIR INCLINATIONS TO REACH A COMPROMISE. DESPITE NECESSITY FOR LENGTHY AND METICULOUS WORK AND DISPUTES WHICH HAVE PLAGUED PAST COMMITTEE WORK, NEPSZABADSAG ASSERTS "WE WERE OPTIMISTS IN PAST AND WE ARE OPTIMIST NOW". WE TAKE IT FOR GRANTED, PAPER SAYS, "THAT POLITICIANS DESTINED TO CREATE SECURITY SYSTEM WILL BE ABLE TO RISE ABOVE TEMPORARY DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS AND THAT EXCLUSIVE INTERESTS WILL BE FORCED TO YIELD TO UNIVERSAL INTERESTS."

4. PAPER DECLARES COURSE OF TALKS SO FAR HAS OFFERED "INNUMERABLE PROOFS OF FLEXIBILITY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND OF THEIR SINCERE EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTIONS." SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WILL NOT YIELD TO ANY FORM OF PRESSURE
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OR FORCE WHETHER OPEN OR DISGUISED. REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN COUNTRIES MUST REALIZE, OPINES NEPSZABADSAG, THAT RESPONSIBILITY, GOODWILL, EQUALITY, AND MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS MUST ASSERT THEMSELVES AT TALKS. IF THIS PROVES TO BE CASE, NEPSZABADSAG CONCLUDES, GOOD BEGINNING AT HELSINKI WILL CONTINUE IN GENEVA.

5. COMMENT: NEPSZABADSAG COMMENTS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY

STANDARD FARE, MOST OF MAIN POINTS HAVING APPEARED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE IN STATEMENTS OF UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRIGYES PUJA NOW AT HEAD OF GOH DELEGATION TO GENEVA. IT DOES SEEM TO US, HOWEVER, THAT ARTICLE IS PREPARING HUNGARIANS FOR LONGER AND MORE CONTENTIOUS SESSION THAN ANTICIPATED EARLIER. HARDLINERS IN HUNGARY ARE VERY DISTURBED, PARTICULARLY AT BRITISH, FOR PUSHING "FREE FLOW OF IDEAS AND PEOPLE", CONCEPT TO WHICH HUNGARIANS HAVE SHOWN GREAT SENSITIVITY. WHILE PUJA CONCEDES PRIVATELY THAT FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION, IDEAS, AND PEOPLE IS PERHAPS MANAGEABLE ON A BILATERAL BASIS, HE FLATLY REJECTS IDEA THAT MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO PROBLEM POSSIBLE NOW.

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